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JOHN M. BRYAN, JOHN M. AND FLORENCE E. BRYAN TRUST, J.M. BRYAN FAMILY TRUST, KULWINDER SIDHU, DEVINDER SIDHU, PACIFIC PARAGON INVESTMENT FUND LTD., a British Columbia company, HARRY CHEW, and AIC CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, a California limited liability company,

Defendants.

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### I, Hannah L. Blumenstiel, declare:

- I am an attorney at law, duly licensed to practice before all courts of the State of 1. California. I am a member in good standing of the bar of this Court. I am an Associate with the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP, Co-Counsel of record to the Plaintiff, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of The Legacy Estate Group LLC, and I make this Declaration in that capacity. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and, if called upon to do so, could and would testify thereto truthfully and competently.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the March 15, 2007 Order 2. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 Authorizing Settlement with Connaught Capital Partners LLC, entered in In re Legacy Estate Group, LLC, Ch. 11 Case No. 05-14659 AJ11 (Bankr. N.D. Cal.) (the "Legacy Case").
- Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the March 28, 2007 3. Memorandum re: Motion to Certify Case to District Court for Jury Trial, entered in Committee v. Bryan, et al. (In re Legacy Estate Group, LLC), Adv. Proc. No. 06-01173 (Bankr. N.D. Cal.) (the "Legacy Adversary").
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the June 27, 2007 Order Denying Motion to Certify to District Court and Striking Demand for Jury Trial as to Defendants John M. Bryan and the John M. Bryan Trust, entered in the Legacy Adversary.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of a portion of the electronic docket register for the Legacy Case, which shows that, following a hearing held on December 22, 2006, the Bankruptcy Court denied the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Defendant Bryan.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the October 10, 2006 Order 6. Denying Motion to Convert or Appoint Trustee, entered in the Legacy Case.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of the March 14, 2007 Order 7. Confirming Joint Plan of Liquidation Dated October 13, 2006 (and overruling in part Defendant Bryan's objection to confirmation), entered in the Legacy Case.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of Defendant Bryan's Objection to the settlement between the Legacy bankruptcy estate and the bankruptcy estate of

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3	I, Angela C. Johnson, certify and declare as follows:			
4	I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to this action. I am an employee			
5	of Winston & Strawn LLP, and my business address is 101 California Street, San Francisco,			
6	California, 94111. On July 13, 2007, I served a true and correct copy of:			
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18 19	by messenger by handing a copy of said document(s) to, for personal service by its agent to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth on the attached service list.			
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23	with my firm's practice for email transmissions. In sending the above described document by email, I followed the firm's ordinary business practices.			
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25	the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed at San Francisco, California,			
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appearances having been made as noted in the Court's record; the Court having reviewed the Motion and accompanying papers and the other pleadings and papers on file in this case, and having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor's estate and creditors and other parties in interest; the Court having considered and overruled the objection to the Motion filed by John Bryan for the reasons stated on the record at the hearing; the Court finding that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to sections 157 and 1334 of Title 28 of the United States Code and B.L.R. 5011-1, that adequate notice has been given under the circumstances, and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Motion is in all respects GRANTED; and it is further ORDERED that the Debtor is authorized to enter into the Settlement Agreement (as defined in the Motion), and that the Debtor and the Committee are authorized to perform any and all obligations contemplated thereby promptly upon entry of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order or the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

Dated: March 15, 2007

Alan Jaroslovsky U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

# **EXHIBIT B**

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**Entered on Docket** March 28, 2007 GLORIA L. FRANKLIN, CLERK U.S BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 In re THE LEGACY ESTATE GROUP, 10 No. 05-14659 11 Debtor(s). 12 OFFICIAL CREDITORS COMMITTEE, 13 14 Plaintiff(s), 15 v. A.P. No. 06-1173 JOHN M. BRYAN, et al., 16 17 Defendant(s). 18 19 Memorandum re Motion to Certify Case to District Court for Jury Trial 20 Plaintiff originally demanded a jury trial in this adversary proceeding, but withdrew its demand. Three 21 defendants have asked the court to transfer the case to district court for jury trial, even though at least two of 22 them, John M. Bryan and the J. M. Bryan Family Trust, have filed proofs of claim. The filing of a proof of 23 claim waives the right to a jury. Granfinanciera, S.A. v. Nordberg, 492 U.S. 33, 59 n.14, 109 S.Ct. 2782, 24 106 L.Ed.2d 26 (1989). 25 Contrary to defendants' arguments, Rule 38(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure does not bar 26

the withdrawal of a jury demand by plaintiff where the defendant did not rely on the demand. *Fuller v. City of Oakland*, 47 F.3d 1522, 1531 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995); *White v. McGinnis*, 903 F.2d 699, 701 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1990); *Reid Bros. Logging Co. v. Kitchikan Pulp Co.*, 699 F.2d 1292, 1304 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1983). Moreover, a party has no standing to object to waiver of a right by another party unless it is aggrieved by the waiver. Since Bryan and the J. M. Bryan Family Trust have waived the right to a jury, they have no standing to object to plaintiff's waiver of its right to a jury trial.

The rights of the third defendant, the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust, are more problematical.

This defendant has not filed a claim in its own name. However, it appears that its alter ego may have filed a proof of claim or that it is close enough in identity to be bound by the jury waiver of other entities. Resolution of this matter requires an evidentiary hearing and further briefing.

For the foregoing reasons, the motion will be denied with prejudice as to defendants John M. Bryan and the J. M. Bryan Family Trust. As to the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust, the parties shall arrange an evidentiary hearing and submit supplemental briefs. In the event that the court determines that this defendant is entitled to a jury trial, the claims against it will be severed and only those severed claims will be transferred to the district court; the case will proceed in this court as to defendants who have waived their right to a jury.

Counsel for plaintiff shall submit an appropriate form of order.

Dated: March 28, 2007

Alan Jaroslovsky U.S. Bankruptey Judge

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THE LEGACY ESTATE GROUP, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, formerly doing business as FREEMARK ABBEY WINERY. BYRON VINEYARD & WINERY, AND ARROWOOD VINEYARD & WINERY,

Debtor.

OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF THE LEGACY ESTATE

Plaintiff,

JOHN M. BRYAN, JOHN M. AND FLORENCE E. BRYAN TRUST, J.M. BRYAN FAMILY TRUST, KULWINDER SIDHU, DEVINDER SIDHU, PACIFIC PARAGON INVESTMENT FUND LTD., a British Columbia company. HARRY CHEW, and AIC CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, a California limited liability company,

Defendants.

Case No. 05-14659

Chapter 11

Adversary Proceeding No. 06-01173

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CERTIFY TO DISTRICT COURT AND STRIKING DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL AS TO DEFENDANTS JOHN M. BRYAN AND THE JOHN M. BRYAN TRUST

Date: March 14, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.

99 South "E" Street Place: Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Judge: Honorable Alan Jaroslovsky

[PROPOSED] ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CERTIFY TO DISTRICT COURT, AND STRIKING DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL, AS TO

JOHN M. BRYAN, JOHN M. AND FLORENCE
E. BRYAN TRUST, J.M. BRYAN FAMILY
TRUST,

Defendants/Cross-Claimants,

v.

KULWINDER SIDHU, et al.,

Defendants/Cross-Defendants.

For the reasons stated in the court's Memorandum of March 28, 2007, it is ORDERED that the Motion to Certify Proceeding to District Court for Trial by Jury Pursuant to Bankruptcy Local Rule 9015-2 is denied with prejudice as to Defendants John M. Bryan and the J.M. Bryan Family Trust. It is further ORDERED that the demands for jury trial asserted by Defendants John M. Bryan and the J.M. Bryan Family Trust with respect to the Committee's amended complaint are hereby STRICKEN.

Determination of the Motion with respect to Defendant the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust is reserved pending further proceedings and further order of the Court.

Dated: June 27, 2007

Alan Jaroslovsky
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

# **EXHIBIT D**

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### U.S. Bankruptcy Court Northern District of California (Santa Rosa) **Bankruptcy Petition #: 05-14659**

Assigned to: Judge Alan Jaroslovsky

Chapter 11 Voluntary Asset

Debtor

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                   ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CONVERT OR APPOINT A TRUSTEE
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             The MOTION TO CONVERT OR APPOINT A TRUSTEE (the "Motion") of John M. Bryan
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     having come on for hearing before this Court on September 29, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.; The
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    Legacy Estate Group LLC, the debtor and debtor in possession herein, having appeared by and
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     through its counsel Murray & Murray, A Professional Corporation and John Walshe Murray; John
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     M. Bryan having appeared by and through his counsel St. James Law, P.C. and Michael St. James;
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     the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors having appeared by and through its co-counsel
     Winston & Strawn LLP and David A. Honig, and MacConaghy & Barnier PLC and John H.
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1	MacConaghy; Laminar Direct Capital L.P. having appeared by and through its counsel Klee Tuchin
2	Bogdanoff & Stern LLP and Thomas E. Patterson; AIC Capital Partners and Pacific Paragon
3	Investment Fund, Ltd. having appeared by and through their counsel Elmer Dean Martin III, A
4	Professional Corporation and Elmer Dean Martin; The Court having reviewed the pleadings and
5	heard the representations and arguments of counsel filed in support of, and in opposition to, the
6	Motion; the Court having issued its MEMORANDUM ON MOTION TO CONVERT on October 9, 2006;
7	and good cause appearing therefor;
8	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is denied.
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	-1-	ORDER CONFIRMING JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION DATED OCTOBER 13, 2006		

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Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee" and together with the Debtor, the "Plan Proponents") filed their JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION DATED OCTOBER 13, 2006 (the "Joint Plan"). On February 8, 2007, the Plan Proponents filed an ADDENDUM TO JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION DATED OCTOBER 13, 2006 (the "Addendum"), attached as Exhibit 1 to the PLAN PROPONENTS' SUBMISSION OF ADDENDUM TO JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION DATED OCTOBER 13, 2006. The Joint Plan, as modified by the Addendum, is hereinafter referred to as the "Plan."

- The hearing pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1128 (a) to consider confirmation of the Plan B. came on before this Court on November 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. and continued on: (i) February 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.; (ii) February 23, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.; and (iii) March 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The Debtor appeared by and through its counsel, Law Offices of William C. Lewis and William C. Lewis, and Murray & Murray, a Professional Corporation and John Walshe Murray, other appearances were as noted in the Court's record.
- All capitalized terms used but not separately defined herein shall have the meaning C. ascribed to them in the Plan. A term that is not defined herein or in the Plan but is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules.

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

It having been determined after hearing on notice, upon the submission of competent and admissible evidence, and based thereon:

THE COURT FINDS that the Plan complies with the applicable provisions of Title 11, United States Code; the Debtor and the Committee have complied with the applicable provisions of Title 11, United States Code for confirmation of the Plan; and the Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that with respect to the executory contract to be assumed by the Debtor under the Plan and this Order as set forth in Sections 7.1 of the Plan: the Debtor is not in default under the terms of such executory contract and therefore no amount of money or other performance is due in order for the Debtor to assume such contract; no non-debtor party to such

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executory contract has objected to the assumption of such executory contract; and, the assumption of such executory contract is in the best interests of the Bankruptcy Estate as determined by the Debtor and the Committee in the exercise of their good faith business judgment.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that two objections were filed to confirmation of the Plan: (1) the objection by Andrea Wirum, Chapter 11 Trustee (the "Trustee") of the bankruptcy estate of Connaught Capital Partners, LLC (the "Trustee Objection"); and (2) the objection by John M. Bryan (the "Bryan Objection"). No other objections to confirmation of the Plan were filed.

To the extent that any of the foregoing findings of fact are, or can be construed as, conclusions of law, such findings shall be, and are hereby, determined to be the conclusions of law of this Court.

#### III.

#### ORDER

Now, Therefore, based on the foregoing Recitals and Findings of Fact, and good cause appearing therefor, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- With respect to the objections filed to confirmation of the Plan, (a) the Bryan 1. Objection was sustained solely with respect to the manner in which estate professionals shall seek allowance of compensation after the Confirmation Date (addressed in Paragraph 2 below), and the balance of the Bryan Objection was overruled at the hearing held on February 14, 2007; and (b) the Trustee Objection was withdrawn at the hearing held on March 14, 2007 based on the Court's approval of that certain compromise of controversy among the Debtor, the Committee and the Trustee which was before this Court on such date.
  - 2. Section 6.15 of the Plan is replaced in its entirety with the following:
  - "6.15 Post-Confirmation Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Disbursing Agent, Responsible Person and Estate Professionals. Compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the Disbursing Agent, the Responsible Person and all professionals employed by the Reorganized Debtor or the Creditors' Committee after the Confirmation Date shall be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court upon application and after a hearing on notice as provided at Section 6.17.1 of the Plan.

3.	Subject to the modification to the Plan set forth at Paragraph 2 above, the Plan is
confirmed.	The Plan Proponents are authorized to execute any and all documents and take any
and all action	ons necessary to effectuate and consummate the Plan.
4.	For the purposes of the Plan and this Order, the "Effective Date" of the Plan shall

- be March 27, 2007.
- 5. The Disbursing Agent and the Responsible Person for purposes of the Plan shall be Insolvency Services Group, Inc. The Court hereby finds that the Plan Proponents have made all of the disclosures required under Section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the designation of Insolvency Services Group, Inc. as Responsible Person under the Plan. Insolvency Services Group, Inc. shall be compensated on an hourly basis pursuant to Section of 6.15 of the Plan (as modified and set forth at Paragraph 2 above) as more fully set forth and described in the NOTICE BY PLAN PROPONENTS OF PROPOSED RESPONSIBLE PERSON TO ADMINISTER JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION filed with the Court on November 6, 2006.

Dated: March 14, 2007

Alan Jaroslovsky U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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### I. INTRODUCTION

COMES NOW John M. Bryan and opposes the proposed compromise between the Legacy Estate and the Connaught Trustee. Mr. Bryan holds a majority of the unsecured claims against Connaught, but under the proposed settlement his recovery from his claims against Connaught would be diluted by more than 50% due to the allowance of an \$8.5 million claim against Connaught (the "New Legacy Claim"). The Motion provides no meaningful explanation of the basis for the settlement, the justification for the existence of the New Legacy Claim or why the New Legacy Claim should not be treated as untimely.

# II. THE COMPROMISE MOTION DOES NOT MEET MINIMAL STANDARDS OF DUE PROCESS

The Court may approve a compromise only if creditors and parties of interest have received "notice and an opportunity to be heard." Fed. R. Banrk. P. 9019(a). At the least, the notice must adequately explain the relief sought and the reasons for it, and sufficient time must be afforded creditors to evaluate the merits of the motion and to respond, if appropriate. In this case, the representatives of the two estates have not provided either adequate notice or adequate time. The Compromise Motion must be denied.

### A. Insufficient Time Was Given.

The norm in this District is to provide at least 20 days notice of a compromise. See, BLR 9014-1(b). Here, the movants sought and obtained an Order Shortening Time limiting notice to seven days: they were required to give notice of their compromise by Friday, February 17, 2007.

While they did distribute a notice on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, the notice was not accompanied by the settlement agreement. On the contrary, the notice that was timely given provided that:

This Motion contains on a summary of the compromise terms. To the extent there are any inconsistencies between the summary descriptions of the Settlement Agreement contained in this Motion and the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall control. A copy of the Settlement Agreement will be provided upon request.

Joint Motion, 4:26-28. (emphasis supplied)

When parties timely made requests, they were informed that the Settlement Agreement would not be available until some time on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, two days prior to the Friday morning, February 23, 2007 hearing. In fact, the Settlement Agreement was not distributed until 12:38 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. A substantive modification respecting Laminar's rights in connection with "Return Distributions" was thereafter circulated Wednesday morning. Another substantive modification relating to the scope of the releases was circulated late Wednesday afternoon.

The Compromise will have a substantial impact on creditors of both estates. No justification for limiting notice of its terms to two days has been presented, and indeed no justification could be presented other than an arbitrary desire to rush to "justice".

### B. The Notice Was Substantively Inadequate

Admittedly, the notice describes at least some of the relief sought: the two estates will share equally in the expense and recoveries from some litigation, and the New Legacy Claim will be allowed against the Connaught Estate.

To the extent that the settlement agreement affords the parties other relief, that was not described at all, e.g., prosecution of the estates' differing rights and theories through Joint Counsel with attendant waivers of the attorney-client privilege; Stipulation, ¶5; restrictions on the ability of each estate to seek subordination or disallowance of claims in the other estate; Stipulation, ¶¶ 9, 10; imposition of the Laminar Subordinated Claim on the Connaught Estate and provisions respecting its payment; ¶13; and releases of unidentified claims against the representatives of each estate; ¶¶14, 15.

Moreover, there is no explanation about *why* the relief is being granted. Obviously, this is the essential element of analysis under Rule 9019, but the Motion is completely silent about it. Why would Legacy have a claim in any amount against Connaught, let alone a claim for \$8.5 million? Why

wouldn't the New Legacy Claim be time-barred and hence subordinated to all other claims against the Connaught Estate? What are the claims against the representatives of the two estates that are being released? Why is it important to prevent each estate's fiduciaries from objecting to claims against the other estate? Without a presentation of the basis and rationale for the underlying disputes, it is impossible for the Court or creditors to evaluate whether the settlement is appropriate.

The Compromise Motion simply provides inadequate information to satisfy Rule 9019.

# III. ALLOWANCE OF THE NEW LEGACY CLAIM IS INEXPLICABLE AND INJURIOUS TO CONNAUGHT CREDITORS

When claims against the Connaught Estate are boiled down, it seems likely that (but for the proposed settlement) there would be approximately \$8 million dollars of allowed general unsecured claims. Mr. Bryan holds approximately \$5.7 million dollars of claims based on promissory notes executed by Connaught. In addition, a few dozen investors, largely Canadian, transferred somewhat more than \$2 million to Connaught and/or Legacy under documents that suggested they were intended as equity but provided for a potential conversion to debt (the "Investor Claims"). If the Investor Claims are permitted to share *pari passu*, Mr. Bryan holds more than two-thirds of Connaught's unsecured debt; if the Investor Claims are subordinated pursuant to Section 510(b), Mr. Bryan will holds substantially all of general unsecured claims against Connaught.

Obviously, Mr. Bryan is deeply concerned about the allowance of the immense New Legacy Claim, which would dwarf his claim and substantially dilute any recovery to him. Under any ordinary rules, he could rest assured that following the running of the Claims Bar Date, any subsequently filed

In addition, Mr. Bryan holds a claim under Connaught's guarantee of the Red Barn Ranch contract. The claim was asserted in the gross amount of \$20 million dollars, representing unmitigated damages under the Red Barn contract. A comparable claim against the Legacy Estate was recently settled for the payment of \$750,000 in

claims would likely be time-barred and enjoy only subordinated status. Certainly, he would not need to fear that a late-filed claim by the Legacy Committee would be allowed. See, *In re Coastal Alaska Lines, Inc.*, 920 F.2d. 1438, 1434 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1990) (creditor who knew of bankruptcy case did not qualify for relief respecting untimely claim). Yet on a few days' notice it is proposed that Legacy receive an allowed claim for \$8.5 million without any explanation of either the merits of the claim or the basis on which a timeliness objection could be defended.

The *only* explanation provided is that the Committee and the Connaught Trustee thinks it would be a good idea. It is submitted that is simply inadequate.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The Compromise Motion is intended to fundamentally rearrange the claims against and dynamics of both bankruptcy estates. No explanation is presented of the basis for the compromise, such that either the Court or creditors could evaluate it on the merits.

Moreover, although there is no objective reason for urgency, the Compromise is being rammed through on two days notice. This does not comport with minimal standards of due process and fair notice.

The Compromise Motion should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: February 22, 2007 ST. JAMES LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ Michael St James .

Michael St. James
Counsel for John M. Bryan

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U.S BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA JOHN WALSHE MURRAY (074823) 1 ROBERT A. FRANKLIN (091653) **DORIS A. KAELIN (162069)** 2 MATTHEW A. TAYLOR (236410) MURRAY & MURRAY 3 A Professional Corporation 19400 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 200 4 Cupertino, CA 95014-2548 (650) 852-9000; (408) 907-9200 5 (650) 852-9244 (Facsimile) Email: jwmurray@murraylaw.com Email: rfranklin@murraylaw.com 7 Email: dkaelin@murraylaw.com Email: mtaylor@murraylaw.com 8 Attorneys for Debtor 9 **DAVID A. HONIG (160721)** 10 BRIAN Y. LEE (197233) WINSTON & STRAWN LLP 101 California Street, Suite 3900 11 San Francisco, CA 94111 Telephone: (415) 591-1000 12 Facsimile: (415) 591-1400 13 Email: dhonig@winston.com Email: bylee@winston.com 14 Co-Counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors 15 16 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 17 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 18 SANTA ROSA BRANCH 19 Case No. 05-14659 AJ11 In re: 20 Chapter 11 THE LEGACY ESTATE GROUP LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY 21 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL COMPANY, DOING BUSINESS AS COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED FREEMARK ABBEY WINERY, BYRON 22 CREDITORS TO PROSECUTE CERTAIN VINEYARD & WINERY, AND ARROWOOD CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE 23 VINEYARDS & WINERY, 24 Debtor. 25 The Joint Motion for Order Authorizing the Official Committee of Unsecured 26 Creditors to Prosecute Certain Claims on Behalf of the Estate (the "Motion"), jointly filed by The 27 Legacy Estate Group LLC, debtor and debtor in possession herein (the "Debtor"), and the Official 28 Order Authorizing the Committee to Prosecute Certain Claims on Behalf of the Estate

Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed herein, having come before this Court; the Court having determined that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to sections 157 and 1334 of title 28 of the United States Code and Bankruptcy Local Rule 5011-1; and after due deliberation thereon, and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby:

#### ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

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- 1. The Motion is granted, and all objections thereto, to the extent not voluntarily withdrawn, are overruled.
- 2. The Committee is hereby appointed as the representative of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate with respect to the prosecution of certain litigation, as more specifically set forth under Article 6.2 of the First Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation dated October 13, 2006 (as the same may be amended, modified, or in effect from time to time, the "Plan").
- 3. The relief granted by this Order shall be consistent with and identical in all respects to the grant of authority to be provided to the Committee and its successors in interest under the Plan. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Order and any provisions of the Plan, the terms and provisions of the Plan shall govern and control.

Dated: November 17, 2006

Alan Jaroslovsky U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

# **EXHIBIT I**

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No. 05-14659

Debtor(s).

Memorandum on Motion to Convert

Debtor The Legacy Estate Group, LLC, filed its Chapter 11 petition on November 18, 2005. At that time, it was the owner of three large and well-known wineries. John M. Bryan is a creditor of the equity owner of the debtor. He asserts a claim in this case which is contested by the other parties, and appears to be a relatively minor player in this case. He has filed a motion to convert this case to Chapter 7, which is opposed by all the other constituencies. Nonetheless, he argues that conversion is required as a matter of law. The court does not find merit in this argument.

When this case was filed, the debtor was in dire straits. Dozens of grape growers had not been paid, the debtor had little reserves, and the principal secured creditor was in the process of enforcing its security interest. During the case, the parties (including an active Creditors Committee and a Growers Committee) negotiated cash collateral agreements to keep the debtor's wineries operating and hired specialized professionals to assist them in navigating their way in Chapter 11 and marketing the wineries. The wineries have now been sold for some \$97 million and escrow has closed; the growers and other major creditors have either been paid in full or otherwise satisfied; and a joint plan of reorganization has been filed by the debtor and the Creditors Committee, which appears to be supported by everyone except Bryan.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Bryan seems to think that with a trustee in place he has a better chance of successfully asserting a claim in this case. Bryan holds a note made by the debtor's equity owner. His claim that he is owed anything in this case is vigorously contested by the Creditors Committee.

During the course of proceedings to date, the court has approved administrative expenses totaling about \$4.6 million. Bryan, who did not object to any of the fee applications, argues that these fees are "extraordinary," that the results of the professionals' efforts was "relatively modest" and that primarily as a result of these fees there has been a continuing loss to or diminution of the estate mandating conversion pursuant to § 1112(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The argument that \$4.6 million in professional fees is extraordinary for a case of this size is both unproved and disingenuous, as counsel for Bryan is an experienced bankruptcy attorney and knows full well that fees of this size are very ordinary for a case of this size and complexity. The argument that the results are "relatively modest" is likewise unsupported spin which the court does not buy. The parties have turned a case which could have resulted in major losses to local growers and complete disaster to unsecured creditors into a case where growers have been paid, three major wineries have been preserved as going concerns along with the jobs they generate, and the Creditors Committee anticipates a 100% dividend to unsecured creditors under a plan which could be confirmed within a month or two.<sup>2</sup>

Bryan more or less concedes all of the above, but argues that the case must be converted over the objection of all of the major constituencies in the case because the debtor's operating reports, which include the extraordinary expenses associated with the sale, show a loss. This argument is largely a matter of semantics. Whether the court finds that there has been no substantial or continuing loss to or diminution of the estate because the estate has been enhanced overall by the sale, or that there have been such losses but the sale is an "unusual circumstance" which justifies not converting the case, the result is the same: there is no cause to convert this case.

To summarize, the court finds as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>During the sale process, the court expressed its desire to consummate the sale by liquidating plan rather than under § 363 of the Code. The major parties informed the court that time constraints and other considerations militated against doing the sale under a plan, but that the parties had entered into agreements in return for support of the sale which would make confirmation of a plan quick and easy. The court approved the sale, with virtually unanimous consent, based on these representations. The court therefore has every reason to expect a quick and successful confirmation process.

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1. The professional fees allowed to date in this case have been reasonable and necessary to consummate a sale of the debtor's major assets.

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- 2. The sale has resulted in substantial enhancement of the estate over and above its condition on the date the case was commenced.
- 3. There is a reasonable likelihood that the joint plan of reorganization filed by the debtor and the Creditors Committee will be confirmed within a short and entirely reasonable period of time.
  - 4. There has been no substantial or continuing loss to or diminution of the estate.
- 5. To the extent that the debtor's operating reports are to be blindly considered evidence of continuing loss or diminution, the fact that the parties have completed a complicated and difficult sale which has resulted in a favorable price and ability to confirm a plan with a significant and possibly full dividend to unsecured creditors in very short order is an "unusual circumstance" justifying denial of conversion.

For the foregoing reasons, Bryan's motion will be denied. Counsel for the debtor shall submit an appropriate form of order.

Dated: October 9, 2006

Alan Jaroslovsk U.S. Bankruptey Judge

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evaluated by the experts, incorporated in their testimony, and then they can be deposed if necessary before trial.

And we think as a matter of simple justice, it is far, far better to let us have this key piece of evidence. This key piece of evidence is a report on every sale of grapes with price and amount in the 2006 harvest. Now the whole question in the Red Barn rejection damages claim is what mitigation was available last year. This report will enable us to show what was happening in the stock market, what the prices were, what amount of grapes could go through the stock market, what amount of grapes were not sold at all in 2006 and so they were crushed for the benefit of the growers. So this will give us key information on critical factual issues, and the alternative is to bring in newspaper reports, which I don't believe is the way the Court wants us to approach it.

So first and foremost, we think the trial should be deferred so that this evidence can come into play.

Secondarily, we are concerned about the procedural structure, and because we think that there is no external urgency, we think it's appropriate to have this objection to claim heard in a procedurally appropriate fashion. Now what's happened is, in June, we took the whole Red Barn Ranch contract; we agreed to reject about half of it, and so that was rejected in June; and the Debtor assumed the balance of it. That assumed contract is still an assumed contract today.

that arises under the contract, and so really we're not secured after all, and it's an unsecured claim.

Well, you would think that if they're objecting to our claim, they're going to say, a), the amount's wrong; and b), it's not a secured claim. But no. Their theory -- presumably because they recognize that Rule 7001 would then require them to make it an adversary proceeding -- their theory is different. They say well, no, we can sue you on your fraudulent transfer thing there, and then we can sue you over here on the objection to claim for the liquidation, and then maybe some time later, we can sue you on whether it's a secured claim, and basically, we can keep on suing you and we'll be done when we tell you we're done, and until we tell you we're done, we can keep on going.

THE COURT: Well, can I interrupt you for a second.

MR. ST. JAMES: I apologize.

THE COURT: You're being -- your client is being pursued by the estate.

MR. ST. JAMES: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I can't tell whether your client's objection to the Plan is motivated by proper concerns or just by a desire to throw a monkey wrench into Plan confirmation because your client is being sued. I don't know. So I set an expeditious hearing to determine all this on the merits. And I did that because it's necessary to find out if I should

confirm the Plan or not. If you are willing to stipulate that your claim be disallowed for voting purposes, I will be happy to accommodate you and give you all the time you need. If your client is unwilling to do that, then I need to proceed expeditiously and at the very least, the very least, estimate your client's claim for voting purposes.

Now, it seems to me that if I estimate it first and then adjudicate it later, I'm costing everyone a lot of extra money, but the bottom line is, if you're telling me, okay, this is not the crucial vote; it's the trustee's vote so disallow my claim just for voting purposes, then I'll be happy to adjudicate it in a more leisurely fashion. But as long as your client is opposing confirmation and arguing that I should count your client's vote, that forces me to move things up. So the bottom line is, tell me what you want. You can't have it both ways. You can't ask that your client's vote be counted on the Plan and then ask for delays in adjudicating that.

MR. ST. JAMES: That's perfectly reasonable, Your Honor, and we would be happy to say, under these circumstances, because the claim is far more important to us than the vote, that the Court need not consider our vote. I would ask that we be permitted, nonetheless, to speak if we want to object to confirmation.

THE COURT: Well, of course. You can object on the

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BEFORE THE HONORABLE ALAN JAROSLOVSKY, JUDGE

In Re:

THE LEGACY ESTATE GROUP, LLC., a California limited liability company, doing business as Freemark Abbey Winery, Byron Vineyard & Winery, and Arrowood Vineyards & Winery,

Debtor.

In Re:

CONNAUGHT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,

Debtor.

OFFICIAL COMMITTEE of UNSECURED CREDITORS of LEGACY,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN M. BRYAN,

Defendant.

) Case No. 05-14659 ) Chapter 11

) MOTION for ORDER AUTHORIZING ) SETTLEMENT of CLAIM NO. 122 ) of JOHN M. BRYAN and RED ) BARN RANCH LLC

) Case No. 05-14660

MOTION for ORDER AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT with the LEGACY ESTATE GROUP LLC and ITS CREDITOR'S COMMITTEE

) Adv. 06-1173

MOTION to CERTIFY PROCEEDING to DISTRICT COURT for TRIAL by JURY

) Friday, February 23, 2007 Santa Rosa, California

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Bryan - or, I'm sorry. Mr. St. James.

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MR. ST. JAMES: Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor, let me just say, perhaps echoing the Court's misgivings, I have not had a chance in the couple days that it's been around or the day that it's been around to look at the Laminar stipulations. If they are in fact nonsubstantive tidying up, that's great. But I'd just point out that to the extent that there is anything substantive about them, there has not been anything approximating due process or notice. And that's - that's -THE COURT: Counsel just told me it was noticed and

there were no objections.

MR. ST. JAMES: What they say happened was several months ago it was noticed and the Connaught trustee on behalf of Connaught was unwilling to sign it. And now as part of this overall deal, the Connaught trustee is not only willing to sign that stipulation, but everybody over there is willing to change the stipulation and they'd like the Judge to sign off on both things.

And all I'm suggesting is that the new stipulation has been out for a day or two. I have not had a chance to study it. If it is in fact just tidying up, then it's just tidying up. the extent that it's substantive, I'm just pointing out that there hasn't been anything approximating due notice.

And that is really my concern about the overall settlement. Maybe it's a good idea, maybe it's a bad idea. But

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the one thing that's clear is that there hasn't been anything approximating due process.

If you look at the way things stood last Friday, the Connaught trustee had asserted for what seemed to be fairly good reasons, a \$4 million claim against the Legacy estate. And the Legacy estate, guided by both a debtor-in-possession and a committee, had elected not to assert any claims against Connaught. That's the way things were last Friday: \$4 million going only one way.

Today it's eight and a half million dollars going the other way. And there is a claim of Legacy in the Connaught estate for eight and a half million dollars, the claim of Connaught through the Legacy estate is waived, and there's no real explanation except that these parties have decided that that's a good economic outcome.

My client holds \$5.7 million of contract claims in the Connaught estate, promissory note claims in the Connaught estate; and before this settlement was by far the largest creditor in the Connaught estate; and could have assumed that if anybody had come in today to file a claim against the Connaught estate, the fact that the claim would be time barred would be a meaningful defense.

Now the assertions for bases for why there would be a claim of Legacy against Connaught are all things that the committee knew or should have known and the debtor knew or

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should have known long before the Connaught claims bar date.

And so in the ordinary context, if the Legacy estate had filed a proof of claim in Connaught today, the Connaught trustee could have objected or we could have objected and pointed out that it's at least time barred and at least is junior to our claim.

There's no explanation of any of this stuff. There's no explanation as to the merits of why Legacy should have a claim against the Connaught estate. The first time anybody heard anything about the merits was when Mr. Lewis explained it to the Court. The Court didn't know, I didn't know, nobody knew except whoever asserted it around that table. And that's not the way a compromise is supposed to work. 9019 does not contemplate that the parties can figure it out themselves and the Court and the creditors rubber stamp it.

9019 contemplates that people will explain what's up and why they're doing it so that the Court and the creditors can have some sort of meaningful involvement. And that hasn't been done here. And then it's been compounded by the fact that after the Court said seven days' notice was sufficient, the parties decided that two days' notice would be better. And so the notice that went out seven days ago said: Well, here are some ideas, but basically it's all overruled by the terms of the settlement agreement.

And when people said: Well, can I see the settlement agreement, the answer was: No, not yet. Maybe later.

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And so on Tuesday at noon, you know two business days ago, we got the terms of the settlement agreement. And there are things in the settlement agreement that are very different, that are not at least discussed in the notice at all.

And, Your Honor, if in fact there was going to be a foreclosure tomorrow, if in fact there was going to be some horrible, dire emergency that made it important to rush to justice, then maybe it'd be understandable. But there isn't anything that's happening out there except a desire to get this thing done as quickly as possible with as little notice as possible to move onto whatever else people want to do.

THE COURT: I think it's with as little as expense as possible.

MR. ST. JAMES: Your Honor, there is no difference in expense between meeting here today and meeting here in two weeks. There is no difference in expense. The same bodies are going to drive up here if the hearing's today or if the hearing's in two weeks.

I admit that there is a difference in whether they explain what the deal is and why, but I don't think that saving money by not explaining what's up is a legitimate concern, not in a case like that.

So, Your Honor, I'd submit, first and foremost, that there ought to be due process about something as big as this.

And there ought to be a real explanation of what's up. If the

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Connaught trustee has decided that her \$3 million claim against
Legacy was bogus, she should say that. She should explain why
she's realized that it was a mistake. If everybody's decided
that really Legacy has an \$8 million claim against Connaught and
- and it's a good solid claim, they should explain some time
prior to oral argument at the hearing why they think there could
be such a claim. I think they should explain why they think
that it's not late and time barred.

I think they should just explain this stuff and we should have something that approximates due process.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, before you respond, this is just general comments at this side of the room. You as a group have some calls to make. You would think that they would be my calls, but they're not really. Mr. St. James on behalf of Mr. Bryan has been the lone fly in the ointment for a few hearings now. And I don't know nor do I care whether he's motivated by the fact that he's worried about maximizing the Bryan claim or he's worried about being the object of the litigation attentions of the — of the two estates.

I do note that there is a trustee in the Connaught case because of Mr. Bryan's motion. So it's — it's worthy of comment that the trustee, an independent trustee was appointed at his request, and the independent trustee is now taking a divergent view as to what's best for that estate.

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The reason I say you've got calls is because Mr. Bryan is raising procedural hurdles. He's saying that there hasn't been due process. I'm skeptical about that. I'll listen to your arguments if you want to go forward, but the fact of the matter is those arguments go away if we set an evidentiary hearing, come back in a couple weeks, I take testimony, and then we're only talking about the actual legal issues. And there's no question of being unfair to anybody.

So I think we should take a recess and you make the call. I suspect if you all insist on going forward today, that I may give different — deference to your wishes. But you could end up in front of some appellate court somewhere instead of arguing the merits of your settlement, you could be arguing whether you ran roughshod over Mr. St. James and his client.

So why don't we take a five-minute recess, confer among yourselves, and see how you want to proceed.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. ST. JAMES: Thank you, Your Honor.

(Hearing recessed from 9:39 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)

THE CLERK: Number 2 on the nine o'clock calendar: Connaught Capital Partners.

MR. LEWIS: Your Honor, do you want appearances again?

THE COURT: No. I remember who you are, Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Okay. Your Honor, I think we've worked out an agreement subject to the Court's availability to continue

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#### 23 Connaught: Motion for Settlement with Legacy the hearing. And the dates that work for the parties, if it 1 works for the Court, are the afternoon of the 13th from two 2 o'clock on or any time on the 14th. 3 THE COURT: Well, let's take a look. 4 MR. LEWIS: I saw a nod on the 14th. 5 THE COURT: Yeah, I've got a one-day trial on the 6 7 13th, but the 14th is entirely open. Shall we set that aside 8 for you? MR. LEWIS: Yes. Ten o'clock. Is that agreeable to 9 10 the Court? That will be fine. 11 THE COURT: MR. HONIG: What time? 12 MR. LEWIS: Ten o'clock? 13 14 I see no objection to ten o'clock. MR. ST. JAMES: Thank you, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: All right. I will hold an evidentiary 16 hearing then on March 14th at ten o'clock on the advisability. 17 18 Now I believe I have -MR. ST. JAMES: Your Honor? That's not I think what I 19 at least contemplated. We had a discussion in the halls, and 20 I'm not representing that there's any agreement about it. But 21 what I said was, "I think that you all should put together a 22 motion that explains why this is a good deal under 9019 and then 23 we can have a hearing on whether this is a good deal under 24 25 9019."

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And what I said in the halls was, "I don't think that it makes any sense to schedule an evidentiary hearing because if we were doing a serious evidentiary hearing, then I would want to take discovery before the evidentiary hearing so I knew what was happening. And we certainly couldn't do that very quickly and that seems like a lot of expense and it doesn't make a lot of sense to me when what I'm really just asking for is a good explanation of the basis for the motion."

So I wanted to say that because I do not contemplate an evidentiary hearing on that day.

THE COURT: Unless you're waiving your right to an evidentiary hearing, I am going to give you fair notice that I may consider testimony at that time and I anticipate giving an up or down to the compromise at that time.

MR. ST. JAMES: In that case, Your Honor, I would suggest that that date is not convenient because what I need to do, if we're really going to have an evidentiary hearing on this compromise, is —

THE COURT: We're really going to have a final decision on this compromise.

MR. ST. JAMES: Then what I assume I need to do is start taking depositions. It would be helpful, obviously, if people would give me an explanation of why we're doing this compromise beforehand, so I'd know whether it's necessary or not. But if this is going down that path, then I need to have

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the hearing continued until much later in the month.

I've told them that I will be out the week preceding the 14th. I don't think that I can start taking depositions this week. And while I think it's an unreasonably expensive way of finding out way this motion is here, if that's what we have to do, then I have to start scheduling depositions in the week of the 14th and asking for a hearing at the end of March.

I'd prefer if they would simply prepare a 9019 motion that explained why this deal makes sense, and that might resolve everything. But I have to accommodate the Court's preference. And if the Court prefers that we simply go to a sudden-death evidentiary hearing, then I need to proceed with discovery first.

THE COURT: Well, look, this case started out with a lot of divergent interests, many divergent interests. We had two debtors with separate interests. We had eq- — one of the debtor was an equity owner. We had the unsecured creditors. We had the evil hedge fund. A lot of different players. It's come down now to everybody's on one table and you're sitting at the other one. And I'm not sure whether you're sitting there because you're really concerned about the Connaught estate or you're concerned because your client is the object of anticipated litigation.

You've made an argument that I'm being unfair by rushing things. As I pointed out to all the others, it's really

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their choice. And I guess it's still their choice, but at a certain point I'm not going to let you drag the proceedings on as the lone voice in the wilderness, especially when I'm concerned about your client's motivations, in the first place. So there is a definite limit to how much mileage you get out of this due process argument.

The national rules require 20 days' notice. You will have had far more than that if I put it over to the 14th. And I really don't think you're entitled to anything more than that.

Here again it's not really my call. It's the parties involved. Do you want me to set it for an evidentiary hearing at that time or do you want a preliminary hearing?

MR. LEWIS: Yeah. Your Honor, what — what we advised, and I will answer your question, but what we advised Mr. St.

James is that we are going to provide supplemental information to him. But if he's not — you know, we think we've satisfied the requirements of 9019 in the motion that's been filed and the presentation that's been made today. We think the Court could rule on that. If the Court wants evidence on that, we're prepared to put it on.

We will provide Mr. St. James additional information. Whether or not it will satisfy him, we have just no way of knowing. We intend to do that probably by next Tuesday. That's why we picked the date we did. And then we'll communicate with him in good faith, trying to answer any questions he has, but we

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2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
3	(SANTA ROSA DIVISION)	
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5	In re:	
6	THE LEGACY ESTATE GROUP, LLC, Case No. 05-14659	
7	Chapter 11	
8	Santa Rosa ,California March 14, 2007	
9	10:03 a.m. Debtor.	
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12	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS MOTION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT WITH	
13	CONNAUGHT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	
14	CONNAUGHT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, Case No. 05-14660	
15	Chapter 11	
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17	Debtor/	
18	MOTION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT WITH	
19	LEGACY ESTATE GROUP, LLC AND ITS CREDITORS' COMMITTEE	
20	OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED	
21	CREDITORS OF LEGACY ESTATE GROUP,	
22	Plaintiff,	
23	v. A.P. No. 06-1173	
24	JOHN BRYAN,	
25	Defendant. /	
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17	Court Recorder:	DAWN PASSALACQUA	
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protect the rights and interests of all the creditors in this estate. And in her view, this settlement fairly protects all those interests at the same time, as best a settlement can be.

THE COURT: Anyone else?

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Well, I don't need to be convinced that this settlement makes economic -- I don't need to be convinced that this settlement is a good one, a proper one, and it makes eminent good sense. I base that on my knowledge of the case, having heard numerous disputes since the case was filed, and I have a fairly thorough understanding of the case. But of course my understanding of the case is not on the record. I am also swayed by the fact that we've had many diverse parties appear in both cases with diverse interests, and everyone is on board with the exception of Mr. Bryan, and it is clear that a large part of that motivation is because Mr. Bryan is the target of litigation and therefore doesn't have the same incentive that everyone else has in the case to hold hands and sing Cum Baya. lastly, the one argument that Mr. St. James rejects as being an improper basis for the settlement I think is the most important one. The settlement avoids dissipation of both estates and that is a bedrock principle of bankruptcy administration.

So everything that I know tells me that I ought

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DECLARATION OF JOHN H. MACCONAGHY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO BRYAN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CERTIFY PROCEEDING TO DISTRICT COURTS

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- I am an attorney admitted to the bar of this Court and am co-counsel of record for the Plaintiff, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of The Legacy Estate Group, LLC.
- Attached to this Declaration and labeled Exhibit 1 is a correct copy of the portion of 2. the official Claims Register in this bankruptcy case (the "Main Case") showing Proofs of Claim Nos. 146, 125, 123, 126, 124, and 122 filed on behalf of Defendants John M. Bryan and the J.M. Bryan Trust. Also contained in Exhibit 1 are the portions of the Claims Register showing Proofs of Claim Nos. 145 and 139 filed on behalf of "Sycamore Vineyards."
- Attached to this Declaration and labeled Exhibit 2 are correct copies of Proofs of 3. Claim Nos. 145 and 139, filed in the Main Case by "Sycamore Vineyards" care of John M. Bryan. As is more fully set forth below, there is substantial evidence that the entity "Sycamore Vineyards" is simply a fictitious business name utilized by Defendant the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust.
- On February 20, 2007, I performed a nationwide "Westlaw" public record search on 4. the entity "Sycamore Vineyards", which disclosed no corporation or limited liability company of that name in any state and no registered fictitious business name in the State of California.
- Also on February 20, 2007, I performed a public record search at the Napa County 5. Recorder's Office. At that time, I discovered a general partnership between John M. Bryan and Florence E. Bryan known as "Sycamore Vineyards", which appears to have conveyed its sole real property asset to the John M. Bryan and Florence E. Bryan Trust in 1993. There appears to be no public record of "Sycamore Vineyards" since that time.
- Attached to this Declaration and labeled Exhibit 3 is a correct copy of the "Statement 6. of General Partnership" for Sycamore Vineyards executed on November 26, 1993 and recorded on November 30, 1993.
- Attached to this Declaration and labeled Exhibit 4 is a correct copy of a Grant Deed 7. from Sycamore Vineyards to "John M. Bryan, as Trustee of the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust Dated August 19, 1991" executed on November 24, 1993 and recorded on November 30, 1993 concerning certain real property purportedly owned by Sycamore Vineyards (but outside any chain of title) commonly known as Napa County A.P. No. 027-250-022.

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- Attached to this Declaration and labeled Exhibit 5 is a correct copy of a Grant Deed 9. with respect to A.P. No. 027-250-022 from the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust to "John M. Bryan and Florence E. Bryan, husband and wife," dated July 24, 1997 and recorded on November 14, 1997.
- Attached to this Declaration and labeled Exhibit 6 is a correct copy of a Grant Deed 10. with respect to A.P. No. 027-250-022 and other parcels from John M. Bryan and Florence E. Bryan, husband and wife, to the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust dated May 19, 2000 and recorded on July 21, 2000.
- Attached to this Declaration and labeled Exhibit 7 is a correct copy of a Grant Deed 11. with respect to A.P. No. 027-250-022 from the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust executed on October 16, 2002 and recorded on November 4, 2002. This deed contains the notation, "Deed solely recorded for loan purposes. No realty sold and/or consideration."
- In addition to these public records, the Proofs of Claim themselves create a question 12. as to the nature of "Sycamore Vineyards." As to Claim No. 139, the Claims Register gives the address of "Sycamore Vineyards" Attn: Alan Brudos, who is identified on Exhibits 5 and 7 as a cotrustee of the John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust. Both Claim Nos. 139 and 145 show that they were executed by John M. Bryan "on behalf of Sycamore Vineyards". Neither Proof of Claim identifies him as a "general partner" of Sycamore Vineyards.
- Based on all of this evidence, the Plaintiff requires time to conduct discovery on 13. whether the Defendant John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust is, in fact, the legal and/or beneficial owner of the Proof of Claim Nos. 139 and 145 filed in the Main Case purportedly on behalf of "Sycamore Vineyards," in which case a motion to strike the jury demands of the Bryan-related Defendants may be appropriate.
- I have spoken to counsel for defendant AIC Capital Partners, LLC, a California 14. limited liability company ("AIC"). I am informed and believe that AIC has not filed a proof of claim against the Legacy estate. AIC's counsel advised me that AIC waives its right to a jury trial with respect to the Committee's complaint.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct, that I personal first hand knowledge thereto, that if called as a witness I could and would testify competently thereto and that this Declaration is executed on February 20, 2007 at Sonoma, California.

/s/John H. MacConaghy John H. MacConaghy

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Creditor: Imprezziv Paper Packaging Inc 138 Corwin St Suite B San Francisco CA 94114	Claim No: 138 Filed: 03/13/2006 Entered 03/14/2006	Status: Filed by CR Entered by: lj Modified:
Unsecured claimed: \$10150.00  Total claimed: \$10150.00		
History 138-1 03/13/2006 Claim #138 filed by Imprezziv Paper Packaging Inc , total amount claimed: \$10150 (lj)		
Description.		
Remarks.		

Creditor Italfoods Inc 205 Shaw Rd South San Francisco CA 94080	Claim No: 9 Filed 12/02/2005 Entered 12/05/2005	Status: Filed by: CR Entered by: vj Modified:	
Unsecured claimed: \$252.00  Total claimed: \$252.00			
History  9-1 12/02/2005 Claim #9 filed by Italfoods Inc, total amount claimed: \$252 (vj)			
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Remarks.			

Creditor: J M Bryan Family Trust c/o Bryan and Edwards 600 Montgomery St. 35th Fl San Francisco, CA 94111	Claim No: 146 Filed 03/14/2006 Entered 03/14/2006	Status: Filed by: CR Enter ed by: St. James, Michael Modified
Unsecured claimed: \$4033873.00  Total claimed: \$4033873.00		
History  146-1 03/14/2006 Claim #146 filed by J M Bryan Family Trust, total amount claimed: \$4033873 (St. James, Michael)		
Description:		
Remarks:		

Creditor. JH Bosche MDT 1930 Jackson San Francisco CA 94109	Claim No: 97 Filed: 02/27/2006 Entered 03/02/2006 Amended By Claim No: 97	Status: Filed by: CR Enter ed by: lj Modified
Unsecured claimed: \$836609.27  Total claimed: \$836609.27		
History: 97-1 02/27/2006		

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Claim #97 filed by JH Bosche MDT, total amount claimed: \$850000 (lj)

97-2 05/03/2006 Amended Claim #97 filed by JH Bosche MDT, total amount claimed: \$836609.27 (lj)

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Remarks:

Claim No: 125 Status. Creditor. Filed 03/09/2006 Filed by. CR. John M. Bryan Entered by: St. James, Michael Bryan & Edwards Enter ed: 03/09/2006 Modified: 03/14/2006 600 Montgomery Street Amended By Claim No. 139 35th Floor San Francisco, CA. 94111 Secured claimed: \$497115.08 claimed: \$497115.08 Total History 03/09/2006 Claim #125 filed by John M Bryan, total amount claimed: \$497115 08 (St. James, Michael) <u>125-1</u> 03/14/2006 Claim #139 filed amending Claim #125 filed by Sycamore Vineyards, total amount claimed: 139-1 \$497115.08 (St. James, Michael) Description: Remarks. (125-1) Creditor does not match creditor on claim. Registered participant to refile claim with correct creditor.

Status: Creditor: Claim No: 123 Filed by: CR 03/09/2006 John M. Biyan Filed. Entered by: St James, Michael Bryan & Edwards Entered 03/09/2006 600 Montgomery Street Modified 03/14/2006 35th Floor San Francisco, CA. 94111 Unsecured claimed: \$4033873.00 claimed: \$4033873.00 Total History. 123-1 03/09/2006 Claim #123 filed by John M. Bryan, total amount claimed: \$4033873 (St. James, Michael) Description. Remarks: (123-1) Creditor does not match creditor on claim. Registered participant to refile claim with correct creditor.

Creditor:
John M. Bryan
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San Francisco, CA. 94111

Claim No: 126
Filed: 03/09/2006
Entered: 03/09/2006
Amends Claim No: 124

Secured claimed: \$1345444.89

Secured claimed: \$1345444.89

Total claimed: \$1345444.89

History:

124-1 03/09/2006 Claim #124 filed by John M. Bryan, total amount claimed: \$134544.89 (St. James, Michael)

126-1 03/09/2006 Claim #126 filed amending Claim #124 filed by John M. Bryan, total amount claimed:

\$1345444 89 (St James, Michael)

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Description: (124-1) Incorrect amount see Amended Claim #126 (126-1) Incorrect amount entered, corrected.

Remarks:

Status. Claim No: 124 Creditor: John M. Bryan Filed 03/09/2006 Filed by: CR Entered by: St James, Michael Entered: 03/09/2006 Bryan & Edwards Modified: 03/13/2006 600 Montgomery Street Amended By Claim No: 126 35th Floor San Francisco, CA. 94111 Unsecured claimed: \$134544 89 claimed: \$134544.89 Total History: 124-1 03/09/2006 Claim #124 filed by John M Bryan, total amount claimed: \$134544 89 (St James, Michael) 126-1 03/09/2006 Claim #126 filed amending Claim #124 filed by John M Bryan , total amount claimed: \$1345444 89 (St. James, Michael) Description: (124-1) Incorrect amount see Amended Claim #126 (126-1) Incorrect amount entered, corrected. Remarks:

Creditor: Claim No: 122 Filed: 03/09/2006 Filed by CR John M. Bryan Bryan & Edwards Entered: 03/09/2006 Entered by St James, Michael Modified. 600 Montgomery Street Amended By Claim No. 122 35th Floor San Francisco, CA. 94111 Unsecured claimed: \$20181673.85 Secured claimed: \$20181673.85 claimed: \$40363347.70 Total History: 03/09/2006 Claim #122 filed by John M. Bryan, total amount claimed: \$20181673 85 (St. James, Michael) <u> 122-1</u> 10/26/2006 Amended Claim #122 filed by John M Bryan, total amount claimed: \$20181673 85 (St. James, O 122-2 Michael) Description: Remarks:

Creditor: John and Cathy Vicini dba Vicini Vineyard c/o Michael C Fallon 100 E St , Ste. 219 Santa Rosa, CA 95404	Claim No: 69 Filed. 02/14/2006 Entered. 02/14/2006	Status: Filed by: CR Entered by: Fallon, Michael Modified: 02/15/2006				
Secured claimed: \$97124 86  Total claimed: \$97124.86						
History:  69-1 02/14/2006 Claim #69 filed by John and Cathy Vicini, total amount claimed: \$97124.86 (Fallon, Michael)						

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Creditor: Supreme Marketing Inc 46025 Warm Springs Blvd Fremont CA 94539

Claim No: 22 Filed 12/06/2005 Entered 12/07/2005 Status: Transfer Filed by: CR Entered by, vi Modified. 09/15/2006

Unsecured claimed: \$699 67 claimed: \$699.67 Total

History **9** <u>22-1</u>

12/06/2005 Claim #22 filed by Supreme Marketing Inc, total amount claimed: \$699.67 (vj)

04/18/2006 Updated Claim Status (#22). Supreme Marketing Inc transfers their claim #22 to Debt Acquisition Company of America (lj, ) Status: Transfer

Description. (22-1) Transferred to Debt Acquisition 3/29/06

Remarks.

Creditor

Sycamore Vineyards Bıyan & Edwards 600 Montgomery Street

35th Floor San Francisco, CA. 94111

Claim No: 145

Filed 03/14/2006 Entered. 03/14/2006

Amends Claim No: 139

Status:

Filed by CR

Entered by. St James, Michael

Modified 03/14/2006

Secured claimed: \$497115.08 claimed: \$497115.08 Total

History.

03/14/2006 Claim #139 filed by Sycamore Vineyards, total amount claimed: \$497115.08 (St. James, Michael) 139-1

145-1 03/14/2006 Claim #145 filed amending Claim #139 filed by Sycamore Vineyards, total amount claimed: \$497115.08 (St. James, Michael)

Description.

Remarks: (145-1) Amended to correct party information only.

Creditor:

Sycamore Vineyards

Attn Alan Brudos Financial Mgr 600 Montgomery St 35th Floor

San Francisco CA 94111

Claim No: 139

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Amended By Claim No: 145

Status:

Filed by CR

Entered by St James, Michael

Modified:

Secured claimed: \$497115.08 claimed: \$497115.08 Total

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125-1 03/09/2006 Claim #125 filed by John M. Bryan, total amount claimed: \$497115 08 (St. James, Michael)

139-1 03/14/2006 Claim #139 filed amending Claim #125 filed by Sycamore Vineyards, total amount claimed: \$497115 08 (St James, Michael)

145-1 03/14/2006 Claim #145 filed amending Claim #139 filed by Sycamore Vineyards, total amount claimed: \$497115.08 (St. James, Michael)

Description:

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# (145-1) Amended to correct party information only.

Status. Claim No: 103 Creditor. Filed. 03/02/2006 Filed by: CR Taronsaud North America Corp Entered by: Ij 505 29th Avenue Enter ed: 03/03/2006 Modified: San Francisco, CA 94121 Unsecured claimed: \$16939 75 claimed: \$16939.75 Total History: 03/02/2006 Claim #103 filed by Iaronsaud North America Corp , total amount claimed: \$16939.75 (lj) 103-1 Description. Remarks.

Creditor: Claim No: 67 Status. Filed by: CR The Bottle Meister Inc Filed. 02/06/2006 Entered by: li PO Box 15457 Enter ed. 02/09/2006 Modified: San Luis Obispo CA 93406-5457 Unsecured claimed: \$27357 77 claimed: \$27357.77 Total History. 02/06/2006 Claim #67 filed by The Bottle Meister Inc , total amount claimed: \$27357.77 (lj) 67-1 Description: Remarks:

Status: Claim No: 151 Creditor Filed: 03/14/2006 Filed by CR The Compleat Winemaker Entered by lj 955 Vintage Ave Entered: 03/15/2006 St Helena CA 94574 Modified. Unsecured claimed: \$26854.67 claimed: \$26854.67 Total History: 03/14/2006 Claim #151 filed by The Compleat Winemaker, total amount claimed: \$26854.67 (lj) <u>151-1</u> Description. Remarks:

Status: Creditor. Claim No: 7 Filed: 12/01/2005 Filed by CR Tonnellerie Boutes Entered by kl Attn Manny Martinez Entered 12/02/2005 Modified: 1001 Seaspace Circle Rodeo CA 94572 Unsecured claimed: \$116868 00 claimed: \$116868.00 **Total** History.

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1993 038880 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF NAPA COUNTY I. KATHLEEN BONDS

AT REQUEST OF: NAPA LAND TITLE COMPANY 11:56 AM 11/30/1993 17.00 Pgs: Fee: \$ .00

### STATEMENT OF GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

The name of this partnership is SYCAMORE VINEYARDS, a general partnership. The partners are John M. Bryan and Florence E. Bryan. The partners named in this statement are all of the partners.

Any partner named in this statement, either alone, or in combination with any other partner named in this statement, may convey title to any real property held in the partnership named by a conveyance as defined in Section 15010.5(2) of the California Corporations Code executed in the partnership name.

Florence E Brejay

Florence E. Bryan, General Partner

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Verification:

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The undersigned, being duly sworn says: that he/she is FLORENCE E. BRYAN , that he/she has said the same, and knows the contents thereof, and that the facts stated therein are true.

FLORENCE E. BRYAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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On November 23, 1993 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared John M. Bayau

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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On Notation 29 1993 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Florence E. Beyan

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	hereby GRANI(S) to John M. Bryan, as Trustee Trust Dated August 19, 1991	of the John M. and Florence E. Bryan
	that property in the City of Rutherford, Napa State of California, described as:	County,
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EXHIBLY "A"

#### PARCEL ONE:

Commencing at a nail and tag marked RCE 10648 at the intersection of the Westerly line of the San Prancisco, Vallejo, and Napa Valley Railroad right of way and the centerline of the County Road known as "Bella Oaks Lane"; thence South 44° 45' West 1995.27 feet along said centerline to a nail and tag marked RCE 10648; thence South 35° 05' East along the centerline of a 25 foot right of way the sidelines which are shortened or prolonged to intersect the lines of the Parcel to be described herein and the Southerly line of Bella Oaks Lane, 106.00 feet to a nail and tag marked RCE 10648 being the true point of beginning; thence South 47° 55' West 248.82 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 43° 32' 30° East 175 29 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 63° 02' 30° East 129.11 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 63° 02' 30° East 151.43 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence North 19° 14' West 91.62 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence North 46° 07' 45° East 248.63 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence North 41° 20' 45° West 156.90 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 48° 29' 45° West 118.07 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 48° 29' 45° West 118.07 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 48° 29' 45° West 118.07 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 48° 29' 45° West 118.07 feet to an iron pipe monument marked RCE 10648; thence South 48° 29' 45° West 136.84 feet to the true point of beginning.

#### PARCEL TWO

TOGETHER WITH a Right of Way for road and utility purposes 25 feet in width as described in the Judgement of Preliminary Distribution, recorded June 1, 1969 in Book 652 of Official Records at Page 911, Napa County Records.

APN: 027-250-022

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Signature

MAIL TAX

STATEMENTS TO:

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recording requested by 1997 026953 NORTH AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OFFICIAL RECORDS OF NAPA COUNTY
H. KATHLEEN BONDS Order No. 901315 Escrow No M908263 AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO AT REQUEST OF NORTH AMERICAN TITLE CO. John M. Bryan 11/14/1997 08:00 Alan R. Brudos 600 Montgomery St. 35th F1 Fee: \$ 10.00 Pgs: 2 Street Address San Francisco, Ca. 94111 City & State 901 315 SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE. APN 027-250-220 INDIVIDUAL GRANT DEED The undersigned grantor(s) declare(s): City Transfer Tax is \$ Documentary transfer tax is \$ 0.00 ) computed on full value of property conveyed, or ) computed on full value less value of lieus and encumbrances remaining at time of sale. ( ) Unincorporated area: ( x ) City of <u>Rutherford</u>, and FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, John M. Bryan and Alan R. Brudos, Co Trustees of The John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust dated August 19, hereby GRANT(S) to John M. Bryan and Florence E. Bryan, husband and wife as Community property the following described real property in the Ruther ford , State of California: County of NADa See Legal Description attached hereto and made a part hereof Dated: July 24, 1997 **}SS**. STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO before me, On August 1, 1997 MARGARET E. REED , personally appeared John M. Beyow NO ALAN R. personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/the? executed MARGARET E. REED the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by hls/her/their dignature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity COMM. # 1001082 Notary Public -- Colifornia SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. My Comm. Expires AUG 22, 1997 WITNESS my hand and official seal

ADDRESS

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The land referred to herein is situated in the State of California, County of NAPA, City of RUTHERFORD, and is described as follows:

### PARCEL ONE:

COMMENCING AT A NAIL AND TAG MARKED RCE 10648 AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO, VALLEJO, AND NAPA VALLEY RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS "BELLA OAKS LANE"; THENCE SOUTH 44° 45' WEST 3995.27 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO A NAIL AND TAG MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE SOUTH 35° 25' EAST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF A 25 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY THE SIDE LINES WHICH ARE SHORTENED OR PROLONGED TO INTERSECT THE LINES OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED HEREIN AND THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF BELLA OAKS LANE, 106,00 FEET TO A NAIL AND TAG MARKED RCE 10648; BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, SOUTH 47° 55' WEST 248.82 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE SOUTH 43° 32' 30" EAST 275.29 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE SOUTH 63° 02' 30" EAST 129.11 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE: NORTH 44° 58' EAST 151.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE, NORTH 19° 14' WEST 91.62 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE, NORTH 46° 07' 45" EAST 248.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE NORTH 41° 20' 45" WEST 156.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE, SOUTH 48° 29' 45" WEST 118.07 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MONUMENT MARKED RCE 10648; THENCE, NORTH 74° 36' WEST 136.34 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

### PARCEL TWO:

A RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD AND UTILITY PURPOSES, 25 FEET IN WIDTH AS DESCRIBED IN THE JUDGEMENT OF PRELIMINARY DISTRIBUTION RECORD JUNE 1, 1962 IN BOOK 652 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 911, NAPA COUNTY RECORDS.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO. 027-250-220



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Order No. 5901315

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For Recorder's Use Only THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR DECLARES MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO: DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX \$\_ Computed on the consideration or value of property SAME AS ABOVE conveyed; OR Computed on the consideration or value less liens or encumbrances remaining at time of sale.

## **GRANT DEED**

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

JOHN M. BRYAN AND FLORENCE E. BRYAN, husband and wife

hereby GRANT(S) to

JOHN M. BRYAN AND ALAN R. BRUDOS, Co-Trustees of the JOHN M. AND FLORENCE E. BRYAN TRUST dated August 19, 1991

the real property in the County of Napa, State of California, described as

LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF AND DESIGNATED EXHIBIT "A"

Dated: May 19. 2000	
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Form NAP1097SP

Notary Public - California San Francisco County

### EXHIBIT "A"

### PARCEL ONE:

Commencing at the most westerly corner of that certain tract of land described in the deed to NAPA/KS 1994 TRUST, u/a dated October 24, 1994, John M. Bryan Trustee, recorded November 15, 1994 under Series Number 1994 033763 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the northwesterly line thereof North 44°40' East a distance of 392 feet to a point on the western boundary line of the Caymus Rancho at an iron stake which marks the most westerly corner of the 106 93 acre tract of land conveyed by Clarence N. Riggins, Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Doak, deceased to Arthur W. Bennett by Deed recorded July 8, 1926 in Book 18 at Page 455 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the northwesterly line of said lands of Bennett North 45°20' East 80.50 feet to an angle point which forms the northwestern line of that certain tract of land described in the deed to John M. Bryan, Trustee of the NAPA/AA 1994 Trust, u/a dated 10/24/94, recorded December 13, 1999 under Series Number 1999 0037525 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the northwestern line thereof North 45°20' Bast a distance of 604.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along the boundary of the lands of the NAPA/AA 1994 Trust the following courses and distances: S43°47'49"E 352.00 feet, S64°42'13"E 155.29 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N45°44'58"E 151.43 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N19°14'W 91.62 feet to a ¾" iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N46°07'45"E 248.63 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N41°20'45" W 156.90 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", \$48°29'36"W 118.07 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", \$\tilde{N}74°36'00"W 178.26 feet, N45°10'05"W 103.36 feet, more or less, to a point on the northwestern line of that certain tract of land described in the deed to NAPA/KS 1994 TRUST, u/a dated 10/24/94, John M. Bryan Trustee; recorded November 15, 1994 under Series Number 1994 033769 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along said northwestern line and the Southwesterly prolongation thereof, South 45°20' West a distance of 290 20 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

APN: 027-250-022; Portions of 027-250-040 & 027-250-043

### PARCEL TWO:

An easement for the maintenance, repair and replacement of an existing septic leach field, described as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly terminus of that certain course of Parcel One above shown as "S48°29'36"W 118.07 feet"; thence along the northeasterly boundary of said Parcel One above described N74°36'00"W 178.26 feet and N45°10'05" W 33.36 feet; thence N44°49'55" E 87.06 feet, more or less, to a point which is N45°10'05"W from the Point of Beginning; thence S45°10'05"E 188.92 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

### PARCEL THREE:

A non-exclusive easement for the maintenance, repair and replacement of an existing septic leach field, 10 feet in width, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly terminus of that certain course called "N45°10'05"W 103.36 feet" described in PARCEL ONE above, said point being on the northwesterly boundary of that certain tract of land described in deed to John M. Bryan, Trustee of the NAPA/AA 1994 Trust, u/a dated 10/24/94, recorded December 13, 1999 under Series Number 1999-0037525 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the northwesterly

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FATCO/BRYAN FAMILY TRUST 115798-11

boundary thereof N45°20'E 205.00 feet; thence leaving said northwesterly boundary S45°10'05"E 10.00 feet; thence S45°20'W 205.00 feet, more or less, to a point on the northeasterly boundary of PARCEL ONE above; thence along said northeasterly line N45°10'05"W 10.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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10 rdwy 00 608548 RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

Napa Land Title

AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bryan 10 Requa Place Pledmont, CA 94611

**GRANT DEED** 

THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR(S) DECLARE(S) DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX IS \$NONE \*\*

[X] computed on full value of property conveyed, or

computed on full value less value of liens or encumbrances remaining at time of sale.

[X] Unincorporated area City of Napa AND

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, John M. Bryan and Alan R. Brudos, co-trustees of The John M. and Florence E. Bryan Trust dated August 19, 1991

hereby GRANT(s) to: John M. Bryan and Florence E. Bryan, Husband and Wife as Community Property

County of Napa, State of California, described as: the real property in the LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND MADE A PART HEREOF Also Known as: 1399 Bella Oaks Lane, Napa, CA 94558 AP#: 027-26-052

\*\*Deed solely recorded for loan purposes. No realty sold and/or consideration

DATED October 16, 2002

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**COUNTY OF** 10-17. On.

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A Notary Public in and for said State/personally appeared

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personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(e) is/a subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/then executed the same in his/her/then authorized capacity(iee), and that by his/her/then signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument WITNESS my hand and official seal.

John M. Boyan, co-trustee

Alan R. Brudos, co-trustee

DAMIEN WAYNE HA COMM. #1320570 NOTARY PUBLIC-CALIFORNIA SANTA CLARA COUNTY My Comm. Expires Sept. 10, 2005

SEAL AFFIXED

(This area for official notarial seal) Signature MAIL TAX STAPEMENTS TO PARTY SHOWN BELOW; IF NO PARTY SHOWN, MAIL AS DIRECTED ABOVE END OF DOCUMENT

# Legal Description

PARCEL ONE: Commencing at the most Westerly corner of that certain tract of land described in the deed to NAPA/KS 1994 TRUST, u/a dated October 24, 1994, John M. Bryan Trustee, recorded November 15, 1994 under Series Number 1994-033763 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the Northwesterly line thereof North 44° 40' East a distance of 392 feet to a point on the Western boundary line of the Caymus Rancho at an iron stake which marks the most Westerly corner of the 106.93 acre tract of land conveyed by Clarence N. Riggins, Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Doak, deceased to Arthur W. Bennett by Deed recorded July 08, 1926 in Book 18 at Page 455 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the Northwesterly line of said lands of Bennett North 45° 20' East 80.50 feet to an angle point which forms the Northwestern line of that certain tract of land described in the Deed to John M. Bryan, Trustee of the NAPA/AA 1994 Trust, u/a dated 10/24/94, recorded December 13, 1999 under Series Number 1999 0037525 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the Northwestern line thereof North 45° 20' East a distance of 604.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along the boundary of the lands of the NAPA/AA 1994 Trust the following courses and distances: S43° 47' 49" E 352.00 feet, S64° 42' 13" E 155.29 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N45° 44' 58" E 151.43 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N19° 14' W 91.62 feet to a 3/" iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N46° 07' 45" E 248.63 feet to an iron pipe marked RCE 10648", N 41° 20' 45" W 156.90 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", S48° 29' 36" W 118.07 feet to an iron pipe monument marked "RCE 10648", N74° 36' 00" W 178.26 feet, N 45° 10' 05" W 103.36 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northwestern line of that certain tract of land described in the Deed to NAPA/KS 1994 TRUST, u/a dated 10/24/94, John M. Bryan Trustee; recorded November 15, 1994 under Series Number 1994-033769 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along said Northwestern line and the Southwesterly prolongation thereof, South 45° 20' West a distance of 290.20 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

APN: 027-250-0-52

PARCEL TWO: An easement for the maintenance, repair and replacement of an existing septic leach field, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly terminus of that certain course of Parcel One above shown as "S48° 29' 36" W 118.07 feet"; thence along the Northeasterly boundary of said Parcel One above described N 74° 36' 00" W 178.26 feet and N 45° 10' 05" W 33.36 feet; thence N 44° 49' 55" E 87.06 feet, more or less, to a point which is N 45° 10' 05" W from the Point of Beginning; thence S 45° 10' 05" E 188.92 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL THREE: A non-exclusive easement for the maintenance, repair and replacement of an existing septic leach field, 10 feet in width, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly terminus of that certain course called "N45° 10' 05" W 103.36 feet" described in PARCEL ONE above, said point being on the Northwesterly boundary of that certain tract of land described in Deed to John M. Bryan, Trustee of the NAPA/AA 1994 Trust, u/a dated 10/24/94, recorded December 13, 1999 under Series Number 1999-0037525 of Official Records of Napa County; thence along the Northwesterly boundary thereof N 45° 20' E 205.00 feet; thence leaving said Northwesterly boundary S 45° 10' 05" E 10.00 feet; thence S 45° 20' W 205.00 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northeasterly boundary of PARCEL ONE above; thence along said Northeasterly line N 45° 10' 05" W 10.00 feet to the point of beginning.